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NORTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

FARGO, N.D. August 14, 2017 - For the week ending August 13, 2017, moisture and cooler temperatures brought relief to most of North Dakota, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Rainfall amounts ranged from one half to one and a half inches, with some isolated areas receiving over three inches. The moisture benefitted row crops and pastures to, but the effects of earlier drought conditions were still being felt. Temperatures across the State averaged two to eight degrees below normal. There were 5.3 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 22 percent very short, 34 short, 42 adequate, and 2 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 22 percent very short, 34 short, 42 adequate, and 2 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Corn condition rated 7 percent very poor, 13 poor, 32 fair, 44 good, and 4 excellent. Corn silking was 94 percent, near 92 last year, and equal to the five-year average. Dough was 37 percent, behind 45 last year, and near 38 average. Dented was 1 percent, near 5 both last year and average.

Soybean condition rated 5 percent very poor, 14 poor, 37 fair, 42 good, and 2 excellent. Soybeans blooming was 94 percent, behind 99 last year, and near 97 average. Setting pods was 78 percent, behind 85 both last year and average.

Winter wheat mature was 98 percent. Harvested was 75 percent, behind 85 last year.

Spring wheat condition rated 19 percent very poor, 19 poor, 27 fair, 31 good, and 4 excellent. Spring wheat coloring was 98 percent, near 97 last year. Mature was 78 percent. Harvested was 36 percent, behind 41 last year, but ahead of 31 average.

Barley condition rated 12 percent very poor, 15 poor, 24 fair, 44 good, and 5 excellent. Barley mature was 95 percent. Harvested was 52 percent, near 53 last year, but ahead of 41 average.

Oats condition rated 28 percent very poor, 27 poor, 30 fair, 14 good, and 1 excellent. Oats coloring was 97 percent, near 99 last year. Mature was 88 percent. Harvested was 57 percent, near 60 last year, but ahead of 40 average.

Sunflowers condition rated 15 percent very poor, 21 poor, 39 fair, 24 good, and 1 excellent. Sunflowers blooming was 87 percent, behind 93 last year, but ahead of 77 average. Ray flowers dried was 1 percent.

Dry edible beans condition rated 6 percent very poor, 13 poor, 24 fair, 49 good, and 8 excellent. Dry edible beans setting pods was 83 percent, near 86 last year and 81 average. Dropping leaves was 1 percent.

Durum wheat condition rated 14 percent very poor, 30 poor, 49 fair, 7 good, and 0 excellent. Durum wheat coloring was 97 percent, ahead of 89 last year and 79 average. Mature was 60 percent.

Canola condition rated 12 percent very poor, 21 poor, 29 fair, 37 good, and 1 excellent. Canola coloring was 90 percent, near 86 last year, and ahead of 82 average. Harvested was 4 percent.

Flaxseed condition rated 20 percent very poor, 28 poor, 37 fair, 14 good, and 1 excellent. Flaxseed coloring was 85 percent, near 84 last year, and ahead of 68 average. Harvested was 1 percent.

Dry edible peas dropping leaves was 97 percent, near 96 last year. Harvested was 58 percent, behind 67 last year.

Potato condition rated 3 percent very poor, 10 poor, 16 fair, 54 good, and 17 excellent. Potatoes rows closed was 91 percent, near 95 last year and 90 average. Vines dry was 9 percent, near 7 last year.

Alfalfa condition rated 42 percent very poor, 29 poor, 23 fair, 6 good, and 0 excellent. Alfalfa second cutting was 77 percent complete, near 74 last year, and ahead of 71 average.

Sugarbeets condition rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 7 fair, 37 good, and 55 excellent.

Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 37 percent very poor, 35 poor, 21 fair, 7 good, and 0 excellent.

Stock water supplies rated 21 percent very short, 38 short, 40 adequate, and 1 surplus.

Data for this news release were provided at the county level by USDA Farm Service Agency and NDSU Extension Service.

Access the National publication for Crop Progress and Condition tables at: http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/usda/nass/CropProg/2010s/2017/CropProg-08-14-2017.pdf

Access the High Plains Region Climate Center for Temperature and Precipitation Maps at: http://www.hprcc.unl.edu/maps.php?map=ACISClimateMaps

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